ER 11-8942

NOV 1959

Monorable Paul J. Kilday Mouse of Representatives Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Congressmen Kilday:

We have received several inquiries concerning the letter being circulated by Mr. Kenneth Mahn of the Board of Supervisors of Les Asgeles. Insemuch as you have undoubtedly received inquiries concerning the subject in addition to the letter from Mr. Hahn, I am taking the liberty of writing you about this matter.

Khrushchev's comments about intelligence activities and the Central latelligence Agency, in our mind, represent part of a deliberate campaign to discredit U. S. intelligence and thus leave a clearer field for Communist subversion. If there is a thaw in the Cold War, Khrushchev abviously would like to deprive the United States of one of its principal weapons for combating Communism. You have noted, of course, that is all of his talk about desiring peace, Khrushchev has stated that Moscow has not rensunced and will not change its objective that all of the nations of the free world should and shall become Communist.

As far as Khrushchev's specific claims are concerned. I would point out first that one of his motives was to draw out any information that any official reply or action might supply. You recognise, of course, that from time to time agents are exposed and apprehended. This often happens to Joviet agents. These agents pensetimes carry both money and ciphers known as one-time pads. These pads are useful solely for communications between that agent and his home base, and do not affect any other communication system. As far as we are concerned, Khrushchev has not got much comfort out of us in this respect; in fact, nothing comparable to what we have gained from Soviet defectors and agents.

DOCUMENT NO. 7

EXECUTIVE (1) Approved For Release 2002/09/30 : GIA-RDP80R0173-12000100080036-8

As far as the general communications systems of the U. S. Government are concerned, they are protected between sender and recipient by a variety of means, none of which were made suspect by Khrushchev's remarks. We are constantly calculating the protection given to such communications by the inherent security of the devices used and are constantly alert to interpret and exploit any information which would after our calculations. Khrushchev's remarks were limited to matters which did not give us any new information of this port.

In general, we would say that for the United States to react to Khrushshev's remerks as certain quarters have suggested would be to play into the hands of the Soviets.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Delles Director

LBK:mfb 5 Nov 59 Distribution:

Orig & 1 - Addressee

1 - DCI

1 - DDCI

1 - ER

1 - IG

l - Legis. Counsel

Handwritten P.S.: I read with interest your comment to the press on this subject. It was excellent. AWD

CONCURRENCE

18/ 400 -

# NOV 1350

INSPECTOR GENERAL

DATE

MM CISHINA

Approved For Release 2002/09/30 : CIA-RDP80R01731R000100080036-8

## THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
501 HALL OF RECORDS
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA

KENNETH HAHN SUPERVISOR SECOND DISTRICT

CHAIRMAN OF THE FOLLOW

AUDITOR CONTRICION
BUILDING BERNOCES
COUNTY CLERN
JOHN WESLICY HUSMITH
JOHN WESLICY HUSMITH
MARSHAULS OF THE MEALS
MARSHAULS OF THE MEALS
MARSHAUS OF THE MEALS
MECHANICAL SERVICE
MUSHICIPAL COURTE
PATRIOTIC HALL
PUSLIC DEFENDER
PUSLIC DEFENDER
REGISTRAR OF VOTENS
SUPERIOR COURS N
SUPERIOR COURS UNICENT
DIRECTOR SANILATION DISTA O

October 2, 1959

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson United States Senator Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator Johnson:

A most serious potential threat to the security and safety of the United States might be involved in certain statements made privately by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev on his recent visit to Los Angeles, California.

I am calling this to your attention since I believe that the proper Congressional Committees of the Senate and House should thoroughly investigate this situation and assure the American people that the Central Intelligence Agency is operating effectively and efficiently or determine if there is any truth in Mr. Khrushchev's remarks so that corrective action can be taken immediately.

I was informed of the following facts by Mr. Victor Carter, a distinguished citizen of Los Angeles, a member of the Los Angeles City Board of Fire Commissioners, and President of Republic Studios. For your information, Mr. Carter was born in Russia and is thoroughly familiar and conversant with the Russian language.

. Mr. Carter was a passenger, as the representative of the City of Los Angeles, in the automobile in which Mr. Khrushchev was taken on a tour of Los Angeles. Other passengers in the automobile were Soviev Ambassador Menshikov and United States Ambassador to the United Nations Henry Cabot Lodge.

During this trip, Mr. Ehrushchev boasted to Mr. Lodge that the United States Central Entelligence Agency is a complete farce. He claimed that important diplomatic and military communications to and from the United States has been intercepted by Soviet agents.

Painter Johnson 2 -2-

October 2, 1959

Mr. Shrusheber told Mr. Lodge that recently when a secret message was sent by Frankent Risenhower to Prime Minister Nehru of India the Soviet government knew the contents of this message. He also stated that the Soviet government also intercepted a secret message from President Risenhower to the Shah of Iran.

When Mr. Lodge diplomatically doubted Mr. Khrushchev's statements, the Soviet Primier offered to send copies of the documents to Mr. lodge to prove his point.

Mr. Carter almo said to me that Mr. Khrushchev stated that American intelligence agents of the Central Intelligence Agency, working in Burope and the Middle East are working for the Russian government also and that much of the money that is being sent to these agents is handed over directly by them to the Soviets.

After this statement, Mr. Khrushchev humorously inquired why does not the American government send the money directly to Russia, or maye it and reduce American taxes?

Many of us realise that Mr. Chrushchev has made many wild, reckless, false statements and that he is fond of boasting. It is borious that he may have made the statements to "needle" Mr. Lodge or to try to sow distrust in the Central Intelligence Agency and thus underwine the confidence of the American people.

One factor, however, makes this an unusually important matter for investigation and this is: Mr. Khrushchev did offer to present documentary proof of his statements to Mr. Lodge. (Obviously, we do not know if this was done).

I understand that more than one hundred million dollars is budgeted by Comgress for intelligence work by the Central Intelligence Agency, the Army, Mavy, Air Force, and the Federal Auresu of Investigation.

The reason I write this formal letter to you is that I believe it is absolutely imperative that the proper Congressional Committees thoroughly investigate this situation, which is of such everwhelming importance to our national security and defense.

I am certain that Mr. Carter will cooperate fully with the proper Pederal authorities and provide much greater, detailed information on this vital security matter.

Certainly, the American people should know, through their elected representatives in Congress, whether we have a safe, secure Central Intelligence Agency. Obviously, it is vital to our

Secretary Telephone

-3-

October 2, 1959

matical security that pur military and diplomatic messages are made and are he being decoded or intercepted or handed over to any fereign presents.

All of us symmetr how the United States May was able to break the Japanese code during World War II and as a result many important battles which proved to be decisive were won by the United States.

It is extremely important that our secret systems of communications be safeguarded and that maximum security presentions are selem for the palfare of our people.

I am enclosing Mr. Carter's address and I am sure that you will find him most emperative.

Very truly yours,

KERNETH HARN Supervisor, Second District

Mies

Mr. Vistor Carter Board of Fire Commissioners Los Angeles City Fire Department Headquarters 217 South Hill Street Los Angeles 12, Galifornia